

Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education Minutes

**WAYNE TWP. FIRE DEPARTMENT
700 N. HIGH SCHOOL ROAD
INDIANAPOLIS, IN
DECEMBER 1, 2003
10:00 a.m.**

A. Pursuant to IC 22-12-3-6, the regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards & Education convened at 10:05 with Chairperson Darrick Scott presiding:

a. The following Board Members were present:

M. Tracy Boatwright
Bernice Clark
Charles (Don) Hall
Jack Kerney
Tom Loraine
Jerry Nulliner
Darrick Scott

b. The following Board Members were absent:

Paul Covington
Thomas Hanify
Patrick Ralston
Patrick Donoghue

c. Also Present

Steve Williams, Logansport F.D.
Rob Grisez, Logansport F.D.
John Shafer, Greencastle F.D.
Maynard Masters, Emergency Books
Robert Kasting, New Waverly F.D.
Mike Cornman, Ellettsville F.D.
Dale Henson, Decatur F.D.
Harold McCard, New Haven F.D.
Josh Hale, New Haven F.D.
Les Marckel, Decatur F.D.
Jan Smith, Decatur F.D.
Randy Brown, Angola F.D.
John Buckman, German Twp. F.D.
Ivan Nevil, Administrator Fire Academy
Mara Snyder, Counsel
James Schneider, PSTI
Randy Wood, PSTI
Marilyn Burgess, PSTI

B. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken with a quorum of seven

C. Minutes October 20, 2003; Statistical Report October, 2003

Tom Loraine made a motion to approved the October 20, 2003 Board minutes as printed and distributed. Don Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried

Tom Loraine made a motion to approve the October, 2003 statistical report as printed and distributed. Marshal Boatwright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Variances, Hearings and Appeals

a. **Dustin Godbey, a member of the Washington Twp. F.D. in Porter Co.** requested a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-10 FO III based upon having completed and receiving his Bachelor's degree from Indiana University.

Tom Loraine made a motion to deny the request for variance upon staff recommendation. Don Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dustin Godbey, a member of the Washington Twp. F.D. in Porter Co. requested a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-11 FO IV based upon having completed and receiving his Bachelors degree from the University of Notre Dame.

Tom Loraine made a motion to deny the request for variance based upon staff recommendation. Marshal Boatwright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b. **Tom Broyles, a member of the Richmond F.D.** requested a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-10 FO III based upon receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree from Anderson University.
Tom Loraine made a motion to deny the request for variance upon staff recommendation. Jerry Nulliner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

c. **Timothy Brown, a member of the Richmond F.D.** requested a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-10 FO III and 655 IAC 1-2.1-11 FO IV based upon classes taken and job experiences.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to deny the request for variance upon staff recommendation. Marshal Boatwright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Report by Patrick Ralston, Executive Director, SEMA/DFBS/PSTI

No report at this time.

F. State Fire Marshal Report M. Tracy Boatwright

Marshal Boatwright reported that Patrick Ralston is at a QUSAC meeting in Gatlinburg, TN.

The Arson Investigator position in S.W. Indiana is still open.

Tom Nipp, the Inspections Supervisor for the southern district was elected Mayor of New Castle and will be leaving January 3, 2004 and this position will also be open.

Marshal Boatwright testified in front of Senator Tom Wyss' committee on the indoor pyrotechnics bill.

The committee also looked at the Training Academy situation and the committee recommended that the Governor pursue establishing a Training Academy for Indiana.

G. Public Safety Training Institute Report Ivan Nevil

Staff is extremely busy with training classes. The first of the year everyone in the office will be concentrating on getting ready for IFSAC reaccreditation in June, 2004.

H. Administrative Proceedings - None at this time

I. Old Business

a. **IFSAC** - Ivan reported that Paul Covington attended the Kentucky Fire Commission Meeting recently regarding IFSAC certification between Indiana and Kentucky. There will be a report from Paul regarding this meeting at the January, 2004 Board Meeting.

b. **House Bill #1106** - Ivan Nevil - Several individuals have been contacted for a tentative price on a video on driver safety training for liability for driving emergency vehicles. The video should be available as soon as the rules have been promulgated.

c. **Rules** - Mara Snyder - The new rules were published December 1, 2003 in the Indiana Register. The Public Hearing for the rules is set for February 23 at Wayne Twp. F.D. at 10:00 a.m. in Room E. A Notice of Intent will be filed in March for the next round of rule promulgation and the draft should be ready to be presented to the board at the IVFA Convention in June.

J. New Business

a. **BFFPS&E Meeting Dates 2004**

January 26	Wayne Twp. F.D.	10:00 a.m.
February 23	Wayne Twp. F.D. Room E Public Hearing	10:00 a.m
March 29	Wayne Twp. F.D.	10:00 a.m.
June 11	IVFA Conference Clarksville Holiday Inn Room # to be announced	To be announced
July 19	Wayne Twp. F.D	10:00 a.m.
August 23	Wayne Twp. F.D	10:00 a.m
September 27	F.F. Union Hall 748 Massachusetts Ave Indianapolis	10:00 a.m

November 8	Wayne Twp. F.D	10:00 a.m.
December 6	Wayne Twp. F.D	10:00 a.m.

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Room # posted at Reception Desk

b. **Motor Sports** - Ivan Nevil - Ivan feels as though this program has been in force for too long without a review of curriculum. Darrick Scott will be heading a task force to start the review process.

c. **Concerns with State Mandatory Training Requirements for Firefighters.** - Tom Loraine - Randy Brown, Angola Fire Dept. spoke with concerns regarding Firefighters only being required to be 24-Hour Mandatory Certified. All members and visitors were given a list of his concerns. Randy Brown feels that all firefighters should be certified to at least the Firefighter I level. John Buckman, German Twp. F.D, Jack Kerney, IVFA and Dale Henson president of IFCA spoke in rebuttal. Tom Loraine volunteered to get a task force together to investigate the possibilities of further mandatory training in the state of Indiana. It was also suggested that the task force explore the possibilities of Fire Officers having advanced fire certifications. Tom Loraine gave his e-mail address to any interested parties Tomloraine@mchsi.com for further comments or input for the task force.

d. **Memorandum of Understanding** - Ivan Nevil - Ivan said that this organization has not done any recent training and feels this MOU with ESE Training Associates, Inc. should be dissolved. Marshal Boatwright made a motion that the MOU between BFFPS&E and ESE Training Associates, Inc. be dissolved. Tom Loraine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

K. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.